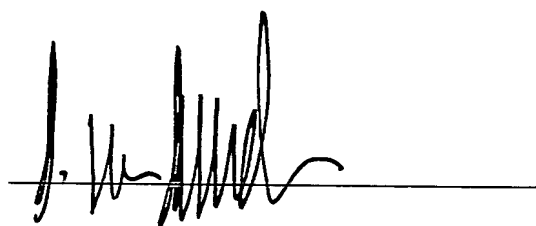


**DECLARATION**

I, Dr. Helmut van Heesch, Patent Attorney, Beselerstrasse 4, 22607 Hamburg, Federal Republic of Germany, do hereby declare that I am conversant with the English and German languages and am a competent translator thereof. I declare further that the following is a true and correct translation into English made by me of the document in the German language attached hereto.

Signed this 12th day of December, 2001

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